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SUBJECT: ANTI-SOVIET CAMPAIGN CONTINUES

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1. ANTI-SOVIET CAMPAIGN HAS CONTINUED UNABATED OVER
PAST FEW DAYS AND REACHED CLIMAX WEDNESDAY MAY 11
WHEN SOME 6,000 OR MORE DEMONSTRATED AT SOVIET EMBASSY.
DEMONSTRATION WAS ORGANIZED BY SUDANESE YOUTH UNION
WHICH IS PART OF RULING SUDAN SOCIALIST UNION APPARATUS.
IN PAST FEW DAYS OTHER DEMONSTRATIONS HAVE BEEN HELD IN
KHARTOUM, PORT SUDAN AND APPARENTLY OTHER CITIES BY SSU
YOUTH AND WOMEN, WHILE LABOR UNIONS, ARMY AND PRESS
HAVE ALSO JOINED PUBLIC ATTACKS AGAINST USSR.

2. DEMONSTRATIONS AND OTHER MANIFESTATIONS HAVE BEEN
DIRECTED AGAINST ETHIOPIA AS WELL, AND DEMONSTRATORS
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WENT TO ETHIOPIAN EMBASSY AFTER PRESENTING MEMORANDUM
AT SOVIET EMBASSY. FYI THERE NO RPT NO LIBYAN EMBASSY
HERE. END FYI. DEMONSTRATIONS HAVE BEEN PEACEFUL.
SUDAN GOV HAS NOT BECOME OPENLY INVOLVED EXCEPT TO
ASSURE MAINTENANCE SECURITY.

3. COMPLAINTS AGAINST USSR WERE MOST PRECISELY

DEFINED BY SSU SYG ABUL GASSIM (WHO IS DE FACTO NUMBER TWO MAN IN COUNTRY) IN STATMENT TO SSU YOUTH PRIOR TO THEIR MARCH ON SOVIET EMBASSY. HE ALLEGED THAT SOVIET UNION DEVIATED FROM FORMER PATH AND IS NOW COMMITTED TO NEW IMPERIALISM WHEREBY PRESSURE EXERTED ON NATIONS TO SECURE THEIR SUBMISSION TO FOREIGN INTERVENTION. SUDAN OBJECTS TO THE POLICY. SENIOR SECURITY OFFICIAL TOLD EMBOFF PURPOSE OF DEMONSTRATIONS AND CURRENT ANTI-SOVIET CAMPAIGN HERE WAS QTE TO LET OUR ENEMIES KNOW WE DON'T LIKE WHAT THEY ARE DOING. UNQTE.

4. COMMENT: AS FAR AS WE KNOW, SOVIETS HAVE NOT YET PROTESTED OR OTHERWISE REACTED TO CAMPAIGN AGAINST THEM. SOVIET COUNSELOR MADE POINT OF TELLING CHARGE AT RECENT SOCIAL FUNCTION THAT USSR DOES NOT RPT NOT INTERFERE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHERS. NOR DO WE BELIEVE IS SUDANGOV GETTING READY FOR ANY DRAMATIC ACTION SUCH AS BREAKING RELATIONS OR MAKING SOVIET ADVISORS HERE LEAVE. PURPOSE APPEARS TO BE TO SIGNAL AS PUBLICLY AND DRAMATICALLY AS POSSIBLE - TO FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC OBSERVERS ALIKE - OFFICIAL DISPLEASURE WITH SOVIET SUPPORT FOR LIBYA AND ETHIOPIA. WE ALSO SUSPECT POSSIBILITY SOVIET DEMARCHE TO ARABS WARNING EGYPT NOT TO MOVE AGAINST LIBYA MAY HAVE BEEN INTERPRETED AS INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF ARABS AND ANGERED NIMEIRI, PERHAPS WITH SOME HELP FROM SADAT. BOGOSIAN

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